1	2	3	4	5	6
25	Tamil Nadu	34	5006.4	4506.5	3681.2
26	Tripura	5	365.3	377.9	399.7
26	Uttaranchal	23	316.6	312.7	378.9
28	Uttar Pradesh	84	1927.8	1897.7	1871.3
29	West Bengal	75	6721.5	6996.2	7291.9
(B) UNION TERRITORIES					
30	A&N Islands	1	33.6	38.6	39.0
31	Chandigarh	2	67.9	64.6	56.0
32	D&N Haveli	1	5.9	6.5	6.5
33	Daman and Diu	2	9.1	9.9	10.6
34	Lakshadweep	1	10.6	11.1	11.2
35	Pondicherry	1	157.6	163.7	171.4
	TOTAL:	947	41388.7	40457.6	39347.8-

Child labour in agriculture and allied activities

†2332. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child labourers are engaged in agriculture ana allied activities in the country to support their families;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the estimated number of child labourers:

(d) whether it Is a also a fact that the amount of wages given to these child labourers is minimal;

<'e) if so, the amount of average wages thereof; and

(f) what action would be taken by Government to increase the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Government is aware of the fact that children are engaged in agriculture and allied activities in the country' for support of their families. Sector-wise

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

figures on working children are not maintained by the Ministry. However, as per Census 2001, the number of working children in the country is 1.26crore.

(d) to (f) Minimum wages for agricultural labour are fixed both by the Central and State Governments and appropriate governments in their respective jurisdiction under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. These rates are not applicable to child labour.

Child labour in hazardous works

2833. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children in the age group of 5 to 11 years in India and in the world, according to latest ILO report;

(b) their number in India, indicating how many of them are labourers and how many are engaged in hazardous works; and

(c) the plan and programme of Government to practically abolish child labour and to completely free them from hazardous works?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) As per the latest ILO Global Report (2006), the number of children in the age group of 5-14 yers in the World are 1206.5 million as in 2004.

(b) The report does not mention specific estimates on India. However, according to the 2001 Census, the number of working children u;'Jer 14 years of age in the country is 1.26 crore.

(c) Government is committed to the elimination of all forms of child labour. It is, however, following a gradual and sequential approach beginning with those engaged in most hazardous occupations and processes first. In this direction, Government will be implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 250 districts of 20 states in the country during the Xth Plan period. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from work are put into the Special Schools where these children are provided basic education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care in order to prepare them to be mainstreamed into formal schooling system.